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SUBJECT: SALAH KHALAF'S REMARKS ABOUT NIMEIRI

REF: KHARTOUM 2744

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SALAH KHALAF'S REMARKS ABOUT PRES. NIMEIRI REPORTED IN BEIRUT'S AN NAHAR DEC. 12. KHALAF MADE THEM DURING QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED BITTER ANTI-KING HUSSEIN SPEECH AT LEBANESE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL DEC. 11. HE WAS REPLYING TO QUESTION RE BLACK SEPTEMBRISTS AWAITING TRIAL IN SUDAN.

BEGIN TEXT: I MET WITH PRES. NIMEIRI AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, AND HE PROMISED NOT TO TRY THE EIGHT FEDAYEEN. THE US SHOULD BE IN THE DOCK INSTEAD OF THOSE EIGHT YOUNG MEN. FOR THIS REASON WE RAISED OUR VOICES, BUT IT SEEMS BROTHER NIMEIRI HAS FORGOTTEN. THE (OCTOBER) WAC CAME, AND I READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS THAT THE EIGHT YOUNG MEN HAD PETITIONED FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO THE BATTLEFIELD, PROMISING TO RETURN TO PRISON AFTERWARDS. HOWEVER, THEIR REQUEST WAS DENIED. EVERY LAWYER WHO HAS GONE TO DEFEND THEM HAS BEEN PUT IN JAIL. FOR THE LAST TIME, I HOPE THAT BROTHER NIMEIRI'S REGIME IS NOT ABOUT

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TO BEFRIEND IMPERIALISM. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT AN NAHAR QUOTATION IS
ACCURATE, AND THAT PLO REP IN KHARTOUM WAS DOING HIS BEST
TO CLEAN UP KHALAF'S REMARKS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.
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